

## **Kettleson Memorial Library Board Commission Meeting August 30, 2006**

**Location: Kettleson Memorial Library**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Curt Ledford called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

**Roll Call:**

**Board Members Present:** Jan Keck Love, Alice Johnstone, Rebecca Himschoot, Jane Eidler and Curt Ledford.

**Staff Present:** Cheryl Pearson, Library Director.

**Guests:** Assembly Liaison to Kettleson, Jay Stelzenmuller, Holly Keene and Barbara Bingham.

**Quorum:** Yes

**Members Absent:** None. (One seat is vacant.)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The June/July meeting minutes, e-mailed prior to the meeting, were approved.

**ADDITIONS /CHANGES TO AGENDA:**

Introduction of Barbara Bingham and Holly Keene

Alice Johnstone introduced Barbara Bingham, an Alaska Airlines employee; and Jay Stelzenmuller introduced Holly Keene, the Director of Communications at Sheldon Jackson College. Both women expressed interest in the vacancies on the Library Board Commission.

**AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Sirsi - Weekender

The Commissioners were pleased when Cheryl reported the Daily Sitka Sentinel would devote the "Weekender" to the new integrated library system (Sirsi's Unicorn and iBistro).

Sitka Women's Club (Mills) Property

Cheryl reported that the documentation City Attorney Theresa Hillhouse provided clearly demonstrated that the Sitka Women's Club had exclusive ownership rights to its property. Jan said she'd informally ask Robert DeArmond what he knew about Mr. Mill's will.

Sitka Reads

The Commissioners will review potential books for the next Sitka Reads, to occur in March or April 2007. Holly will read *Burning Cold*, Jan will read *Eagle Blue*, Barbara will read *the Only Kayak*, Rebecca will read *the Golden Spruce*, Cheryl will read *the Sea Runners*. Jan requested that Carolyn Servid, John Straley and Richard K. Nelson be included in the preparations for the next Sitka Reads. The Commissioners concurred. Cheryl said she'd contact them and ask for their recommendations and invite them to the next Library Board Commission Meeting.

Asbestos Abatement/Library Re-carpeting Project

Cheryl reported that the asbestos abatement and re-carpeting project would be undertaken during the winter holidays. The project is so extensive that it will take two to three weeks to complete. Everything has to be moved from and then returned to the area that contains flooring within the footprint of the original building. The public library will have to be closed during the entire project. The impact to the school libraries will be minimized during winter break. Commissioners asked if the Children's Library in Kettleon or another area in Sitka could be accessed by children and their parents during the closure. Cheryl reported that the Children's Library would have to be used for book storage. Curt and Rebecca asked if one of the elementary schools could keep its library open during the holidays so children would have a place to go and also be able to check out library materials. Cheryl will check. Rebecca expressed concern that the library employees would lose wages at a particularly bad time of year (financially). Cheryl said she'd see what equitable arrangements could be made for the employees. She stated there are always many projects that could be done at home by various employees and the Staff Workroom would be available for work except the three days scheduled for the actual asbestos abatement. A ghost server could be set up in the Staff Workroom, enabling most, if not all staff to work. Cheryl reported that she is the only employee who will be in the building during the three-day asbestos abatement project.

Miscellaneous

Jan requested that the Library Board not meet in the library due to space constraints.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> in the Maksoutoff Room at Harrigan Centennial Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Pearson  
,Library Director

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Approved,

Curt Ledford  
Library Board Commission Chair